

San Benito County Habitat Conservation Plan

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Staff applied for a grant application for a county-wide Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCCP) called San Benito County Conservation Plan (SBCCP) in February 2021 after receiving Board of Supervisors Approval on February 23, 2021.

County was notified in July that we were selected for funding in an award amount of \$976,100.

Next Steps

Payable Grant Agreement and Planning Agreement

- Payable grant agreement in place with CDFW and USFW
 - This allows the County to officially start work and receive funds
- Execute Planning Agreement between CDFW and USFW
 - This provides a contract with CDFW and USFW as we work on this planning effort

Next Steps

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

- County is working on preparing an RFQ
 - This allows the County to hire a consultant that is qualified to assist on the preparation of the HCP/NCCP
 - Once the County has selected a consultant a contract will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to beginning work with the County

Next Steps

Committees to be formed

- Steering Committee (Required)
 - Broadly, this Committee help guide development of the HCP/NCCP, recommend appropriate development, land use, and mitigation strategies, and to communicate progress to their larger constituencies
- Scientific Advisory Committee (Required)
 - Broadly, this Committee makes recommendations to the applicant (County) on what species should be considered, help determine the effects of the covered species on the covered species, and assist in the development of the4 minimization and mitigation package
- Citizens Advisory Committee (Recommended)
 - Broadly, involve citizens who are called together to represent the views of the wider public

Action
Item(s)

ADOPT May 3, 2021, minutes

Action Item(s)

Rename
ADHOC
Committee
and
Purpose
Statement
for
Committee

SBCCP Citizens Advisory Committee

Purpose Statement: The primary purpose of the San Benito County Conservation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee is for public and stakeholder outreach, provide open and frequent communication, and to represent the views of the wider public as the County moves through the planning and development of the SBCCP. Those that serve as member representatives on the Committee shall attend Committee meetings, help be a conduit of information to the public at large, help represent interests and concerns of stakeholders, and participate in additional planning development. The Committee is established by the County and will facilitate the Committee meetings.

Action Item(s)

Confirm
Appointment

Appoint member representative and one alternate representative from City of Hollister and City of San Juan Bautista **Open up to City representatives**

Appoint

Appoint 1-2 tribal member representatives **Open up to the Public**

Appoint

Appoint 1-2 member representatives from the public **Open up to the Public**

Appoint

Appoint Chair **Appoint after all member representatives have been appointed**

Set Quarterly Meetings for 2021, 2022, AND 2023

August 2, 2021 at 4pm
November 10, 2021 at 4pm
February 9, 2022 at 4pm
May 11, 2022 at 4pm
August 10, 2022 at 4pm
November 9, 2022 at 4pm
February 8, 2023 at 4pm
May 10, 2023 at 4pm
August 9, 2023 at 4pm
November 8, 2023 at 4pm

Announcements

SAVE
THE
DATE

2021 NHCPC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting brings together HCP practitioners from across the country, including federal, state, and local agency staff, consultants, stakeholders, policy experts, and scientists.

OCT 5 - 7 | AUSTIN, TX

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE AND A FIELD TRIP.
VIDEO CONFERENCING OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

For additional info, contact John Hopkins at john4ieh@gmail.com
For event sponsorship opportunities, contact Gary Boyd at gboyd@wilco.org



National HCP Coalition

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